

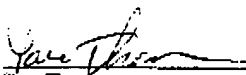
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 11, 2001, said period of response being extended from April 11, 2001 to July 11, 2001.

Please charge our deposit account number . 13-2725 in the amount of \$445.00 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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